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Public safety director sues Canton Township

Public Safety Director Joshua Meier has filed a lawsuit against Canton Township claiming an error in the calculation of his pension amount.

Meier filed the lawsuit Nov. 7 and named as defendants Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Human Resources Manager Kerreen Conley, the members of the board of trustees and the township merit commission. Court filings indicate that Meier's pension formula multiplier was reduced by .3 percent, decreased from 2.8 to 2.5. The multiplier factor determines the size of the lifetime annuity a pensioner receives, usually a percentage of compensation multiplied by years of service.

The township has retained the services of the law firm Kienbaum, Hardy, Viviano, Pelton and Forrest to represent the municipality in the case filed in Third Circuit Court. The hiring was approved by a vote of the board following a closed-session meeting last week.

Meier originally brought the issue to the attention of the merit commission last July, claiming that the interpretation of the pension rules is incorrect. The merit commission met again in September and voted to refer the issue to the board of trustees. The board members subsequently voted 6-1 to support the township position on the 2.5 multiplier factor and denied Meier's request to have the 2.8 multiplier restored.

In a prepared release, the township stated that Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority has cited an exception to the township insurance coverage and has declined to provide legal defense in the matter.

"Due to the nature of the complaint in this lawsuit," the release continued, "it was determined that hiring outside counsel would be the best interest of the community."

The board members approved anticipated legal fees ranging from $335 to $225 per hour based on individual attorney's hourly fees for the defense, in addition to an additional 5-10 percent charge of the total hourly fees. The fees will be paid from the police and fire budget, according to an official release from the township.

Meier has been public safety director since May of 2016 and began his career as a volunteer police explorer while still in high school. He was a public safety service officer, a firefighter/paramedic, deputy chief and fire chief during his 19 year tenure with the township.

Joshua Meier

Canton Municipal Services Director Jade Smith, left, former Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Wayne County Executive Chief of Staff Assad Turfe, Wayne County Director of Public Services Beverly Watts, Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub, Canton Clerk Michael Siegrist, Canton Supervisor Pat Williams, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, Canton Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Treasurer Dian Slavens, Canton Trustee Sommer Foster, Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden, and Canton Trustee Steve Sneideman celebrate the reopening of the long-closed bridge on Lilley Road.

Re-opening of Lilley Road bridge is celebrated

It took more than 2 ½ years, but last week, officials celebrated the re-opening of the newly-reconstructed Lilley Road Bridge.

Among those on hand at an official ribbon cutting at the bridge were Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub, and Wayne County Director of Public Services Beverly Watts.

The bridge, on Lilley Road north of Michigan Avenue, was closed by county officials in April, 2017 due to safety concerns. Inspectors and engineers cited weakened steel support beams and a badly deteriorated concrete deck at the 100-year-old structure which spans the Rouge River. After closer inspection, engineers concluded that the historic structure could not be saved and would have to be completely rebuilt.

Elizabeth Taylor, a field engineering manager for the Wayne County Roads Commission, who led the project. said the bridge-replacement project went smoothly.

"We followed the (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) protocol because the structure is crossing a waterway, obviously, so there were some permitting issues that we had."

The bridge earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999, commemorating the design and unique construction. According to historical documents, the bridge was built in 1923 on Telegraph Road, but was moved when Telegraph was widened.

Elizabeth Taylor, field engineering manager for the Wayne County Roads Commission, drives the first vehicle across the new bridge with passengers Township Supervisor Pat Williams and County commissioner Melissa Daub. Photo by Dave Willett

The bridge was moved to Lilley Road in 1933, according to historians.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans commented that the reconstruction of bridges will become more frequent throughout the county as the structures age. "Which is why we need to come up with additional ways to fund these projects," Evans said.

Local company signs $500 million Ford joint partnership

Rivian, the electric vehicle company located in Plymouth Township, and Ford Motor Co. have formed a strategic partnership worth more than $500 million. Together, the two automakers have agreed to jointly develop a new, all-electric Ford vehicle built on the Rivian "skateboard" platform.

Ford will not use the Rivian technology for the upcoming all-electric F-150 pickup truck. The automaker clarified that the Ford battery electric F-150 has been in internal development for quite some time and the company will not change those plans. Instead, Ford will use the Rivian skateboard platform for an all-new vehicle.

"This strategic partnership marks another key milestone in our drive to accelerate the transition to sustainable mobility," said Rivian founder and CEO RJ Scaringe last week. "Ford has a long-standing commitment to sustainability, with Bill Ford being one of the industry's earliest advocates, and we are excited to use our technology to get more electric vehicles on the road."

As part of the agreement, Ford Executive Vice President Joe Hinrichs will join the Rivian board of directors.

The talks had been rumored for several months. In February, a Rivian-based pickup was found to be re-bodied as a Ford F-150 pickup, which was originally believed to be a Rivian test mule based on comments made by Scaringe. The CEO mentioned at the time that there were no ties between Rivian and Ford.

Rivian will still continue its efforts to build its own vehicles in addition to the Ford deal, according to the company. The Rivian highly-praised R1T pickup and R1S SUV have both been the subject of interest by investors and consumers around the world-earlier this year, Rivian successfully raised $700 million in capital, headlined by retail giant Amazon.

Belleville - Romulus

Wreaths Across America celebrated in Romulus

Again this year, Romulus Memorial Cemetery will participate in National Wreaths Across America event set for noon, Dec. 14.

Annually, in December, ceremonies take place across the country to "remember, honor and teach" including the event at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations across the country.

From the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts, veterans are devoted sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers. They come from all backgrounds in life to place those lives on the line for our freedoms. There are millions of individual stories to tell, according to the mission statement of the group.

The ceremony includes the placement of a holiday wreath on the graves of all veterans as a tribute to their service to their country.

The tribute began in Bangor, Maine in 1991 when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company, found himself with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering a boyhood trip he won to Washington, D.C. as a 12-year-old paperboy and the indelible impression Arlington National Cemetery made, he made arrangements through his senator, then Olympia Snowe, to have the wreaths placed on an older section of Arlington graves where few visitors were seen.

Other businesses joined the effort and volunteers from the American Legion and VFW posts began to decorate each wreath with traditional red, hand-tied bows. Ceremonies grew to include a special wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The tribute went on quietly for years until 2005 when a photo of the snow-covered wreaths circulated on the internet bringing national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from across the country for similar remembrances at national, state and local cemeteries.

Wreaths Across America continued to grow each year until it has now become a national event. Now, Wreaths Across America is a non-profit 501-(c)(3). Local individuals and businesses have until tomorrow to sponsor a wreath for a veteran at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org and choose "Sponsor a wreath with a local fundraising group" option and then search for Romulus VFW or MI0129P.

The public is invited to the Dec. 14 ceremony at Romulus Memorial Cemetery, 10101 Shook Road in Romulus. For more information, contact the Veterans Outreach Committee at (734_955-8964.

Sumpter board revokes medical payments for officials

Beginning next month, Sumpter Township officials will no longer be reimbursed for medical benefit payments.

Members of the board of trustees voted unanimously at the Nov. 12 meeting to eliminate the benefit effective Dec. 1. Trustee Don Swinson was absent from the meeting.

There was no change to the basic compensation schedule for the officials despite a proposal for a base salary raise presented by Trustee Matthew Oddy which included the elimination of the medical benefit. Oddy said his proposal would have saved the township $10,104.57 annually.

Currently Supervisor John Morgan is paid $22,418.70; Clerk Esther Hurst and Treasurer Ken Bednark are each paid $18,830.68 and each trustee is paid $8,322. Oddy proposed increasing trustees' annual pay to $18,650; the supervisor to $32,000 and the clerk and treasurer to $28,000 each. Oddy said that the current salary schedule has been in place for nearly two decades.

Bednark was critical of Oddy's plan and claimed that the current medical reimbursements "a windfall" and in Oddy's case were almost "double his base pay."

Bednark said the proposal was ill-founded and had not been discussed with the board.

"We need to be fiscally responsible," Bednark said. He added that information he received from the Michigan Townships Association indicated that some township trustees are paid $40 a meeting and some "barely pay anything."

After some discussion, the board agreed to a compromise and removed the medical reimbursement from the compensation package but did not include any raise in base pay.

Van Buren Schools audit of financial statement earns high marks

New Van Buren Public Schools Finance Director Sara Cortese received high marks on her first audit for the district.

During the Nov. 11 meeting of the members of the board of education, Laura Payne of Taylor & Morgan CPAs and Business Advisors, complimented the district on the audit noting that the audit received an unmodified audit opinion, the highest level of assurance possible for a financial statement. Payne made the comments by cell phone as the inclement weather prevented her from traveling to the meeting.

Payne noted that despite changes in the district business office, the staff prepared a clean audit.

"You have a great strength in your business office now, because you have a trained staff," Payne said.

Board member Amy Pierce and board President Keith Johnston congratulated Cortese and her staff on the audit and members of the audience clapped in appreciation.

According to the audit, the General Fund balance increased $794,245 from $7,972,611 on June 30, 2018 to $8,766,856 on June 30, 2019. The June 30, 2019 ending fund balance of $8,766,856 is 15.38 percent of expenditures.

This fund balance would fund the district for 30 to 45 days based on a 180-day school year.

The number of students counted for September state aid membership in 2018-19 was 4,619, the lowest since the total of 5,030 students for the 2014-15 school year, according to the audit presentation. Funding from the state, determined by the foundation allowance times each student counted, came to $8,004 per student in the 2018-19 school year, up from $7,422 in the 2014-15 school year.

Payne said that the $794,245 added to the fund balance last fiscal year showed that revenues exceeded expenditures.

The Food Service fund balance was $654,756, $30,000 more than expenditures in the department. The Athletic Department, which the state merged with the general fund a few years ago, had expenditures of some $640,000, with about $400,000 coming from a general fund contribution and $150,000 from department revenues, according to the audit numbers.

City levies safety millage

Property owners in the City of Belleville will see a 2-mill increase on the winter tax bills set to be mailed next month.

Members of the Belleville City Council approved the levy of the 2-mill tax during the Nov. 18 meeting. The levy will be dedicated to funding the public safety department and will be due no later than Feb. 14, 2020. The city expects the millage to generate about $90,000 for funding public safety next year.

The votes of councilmen Jesse Marcotte and Tom Fielder and Mayor Kerreen Conley in favor of the levy were in response, they said, to the Nov. 5 ballot advisory question. During the election, 348 voters approved of the 10-year, 2-mill levy while 262 cast no votes. Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria and Councilman Tom Smith were absent from the meeting.

Conley explained that the meeting was the final opportunity before the deadline to have the tax on the winter tax bills. According to city attorney Steve Hitchcock, officials will be required to vote to renew the millage each year.

Plans for the funding include capital equipment investments in both the police and fire departments, officials said.

Sumpter branch of library to open

The Sumpter Township branch of the Belleville Area District Library will be officially opened during a ribbon-cutting ceremony set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

Following the official ceremony, the new branch will be open to the public.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy told members of the library board at a recent meeting that the roofing, exterior cladding/siding, and floor installation were almost complete on Nov. 7. Millwork was scheduled for completion just before Thanksgiving, she said.

The new library in downtown Belleville is set to open Feb. 8 and the current facility scheduled to close for the transfer of materials on Jan. 13. The Sumpter facility will be open during the transition period.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Mid-Michigan Concrete Crushing and Recycling - 28175 Ecorse Rd.
December 16, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m**. on **Monday, December 16, 2019** for the purpose of considering SLU-2017-001; Mid-Michigan Concrete Crushing & Recycling who is requesting special land use approval for a concrete and asphalt crushing operation at 28175 Ecorse Rd.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485. A copy of the proposed text amendments are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Department of Public Services, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE
ROMULUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
AND THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will hold a Study Session on Monday, the 9th day of December, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, to allow the Director of Authorities for the Downtown Development Authority and the Tax Increment Authority to hold the first of two information meetings to inform the public of the goals and the direction of the authorities including possible future projects, in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Director of Authorities for the Downtown Development Authority and the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Ellen Craig - Bragg
Clerk, City of Romulus
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CITY OF ROMULUS
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE
ROMULUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
AND THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Romulus Downtown Development and the Tax Increment Finance Authorities, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will hold an Information Meeting on Wednesday, the 11th day of December, 2019, at 12:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, to allow the Director of Authorities for the Downtown Development Authority and the Tax Increment Authority to hold the second of two information meetings to inform the public of the goals and the direction of the authorities including possible future projects, in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Director of Authorities for the Downtown Development Authority and the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Ellen Craig - Bragg
Clerk, City of Romulus
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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

'Cool' gift

Foundation funds replacement of museum climate equipment

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be a lot more comfortable for visitors following a grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation .

The foundation awarded a $40,000 grant to the museum to replace three aging and failing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) roof top units with more modern and energy efficient units. The museum currently has six rooftop units, and three of them were more than 28 years old. The grant allowed the museum to replace these three units with new, more efficient machines. The upgrade ensures that the temperature inside the building which houses nearly 200 years of collections and artifacts will remain constant year-round. The units were replaced in August by Expert Heating & Cooling.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful business woman, philanthropist and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2015 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org.

Like old times

Former members of the three-time national champion and 26-time state champion Plymouth Canton Educational Park Marching Band reunited to perform during the Michigan/Michigan State Football game last weekend in Ann Arbor. Noah Brenny, Nathan Rodwell, Alex Zygmunt, Christina Christenson, Catherine Christenson, Alaura VanNest, Lauren Wegrzyn, Katie Fedak, Jenna Craven, Marshall Rhea, Lindsey Adlhoch, Ethan FitzGerald, Jimmy Milleville, Allison Mattson, Ian McKimmy, Mike Leon and Alex Farell were on the field during half time. The large group of former Plymouth Canton students gathered outside the Michigan stadium for an impromptu photo and reunion. Photo by Kristan Rodwell

Santa plans Maybury Farm visits

Santa will pay weekend visits to Maybury Farm this year from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dec. 7, 8 and 14 and 15.

Visitors to the farm can enjoy the holiday decorations, visit with Santa in the barn, engage with the farm animals, roast a S'more over the bonfire while enjoying holiday music.

Crafts will be on hand in the general store where hot beverages and treats will be available to purchase. No reservations are necessary and admission to the weekend events is $5 per person while children younger than 2 are admitted at no cost.

For more information, call (248) 374-0200 or visit www.mayburyfarm.org. All funds generated from the event will be used to operated the farm and feed the animals.

The farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville, 1-1/4 miles west of Beck Road, and west of Maybury State Park. Visitors should enter

at the Maybury Farm sign, not the employee entrance. Parking is free at Maybury Farm and additional overflow parking is available at Maybury State Park (Annual Recreation Passport required).

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Landfill is ticketed again following odor complaints

Complaints from Northville Township residents resulted in a violation notice earlier this month to Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township, according to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

The violation was issued Nov. 3 following inspectors' observations of the odors in response to multiple complaints, according to an official statement from the department.

A landfill watchdog organization, The Conservancy Initiative, reported more than 350 complaints about odors were filed against Arbor Hills during the first 12 days of this month.

The complaints followed repairs by Advanced Disposal Service, the owner of the landfill, at the West Haul Road drain and the installation of a leachate sump system, projects the landfill owner told residents would correct the odor problems.

The state agency has also requested the landfill owners provide community information about actions being taken to correct the odor situation. Residents have expressed particular concern about the area near Ridgewood Elementary School which is located less than a mile from the landfill.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE
2019 WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2019 and payable through February 14, 2020 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. Make checks payable to: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH. Payments may be made via mail, online, or at Township Hall during regular working hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office. Township offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st. After hours payments may be placed in the 24-hour white drop box located along the circular drive at Township Hall.

Mark Clinton
Plymouth Township, Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NORTHVILLE CHARTER TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON ADOPTION OF
BROWNFIELD PLAN
MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Township Board of the Charter Township of Northville on the 12th day of December, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Northville Town Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, on the adoption of the Michigan International Technology Center Redevelopment Authority's Brownfield Plan, of which the Authority proposes to implement pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

The property to which the proposed Brownfield Plan applies is the property located in the Michigan International Technology Center Redevelopment Area, which includes approximately 800 acres of property along the north and south sides of Five Mile Road between Napier Road and Beck Road in Northville and Plymouth Townships. Identification of the specific property subject to the proposed Brownfield Plan is as follows:

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER AREA

TAX PARCEL ID NO	OWNERSHIP	TAX PARCEL ID NO	OWNERSHIP
77-066-99-0001-716	NTBRA	78-001-99-0001-703	City of Detroit
77-066-99-0001-719	NTBRA	78-001-99-0001-704 (130-acre portion)	Hillside Realty Investments LLC
77-066-99-0001-722	Zhongding Sealing Parts USA	78-001-99-0001-704 (3-acre portion)	Hillside Realty Investments, LLC
77-066-99-0002-700	DTE Electric Company	78-006-99-0001-701	Hillside Realty Investments, LLC
77-066-99-0002-701	Northville Township	78-006-99-0001-002	Adient pie
77-066-99-0002-702	Northville Township	78-006-99-0001-711	Michigan Land Bank
77-066-99-0001-723 (4.5-acre portion)	NTBRA	Adjoining road rights-of- way	Wayne County

This description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at Northville Town Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road.

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk
November 27, 2019

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LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road pavement reconstruction and rehabilitation project in the Gould Industrial Park and to create a Special Assessment District for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvement to the existing two-lane concrete local roadway with integral curb and gutter shall consist of full reconstruction of General Drive and select rehabilitation along General Court, including, removal and replacement of concrete pavement, aggregate base placement, underdrain installation, catch basin rehabilitation where required within the pavement area, and miscellaneous driveway approach work and sidewalk ramp modification as necessary to facilitate the road reconstruction, or as required by Wayne County. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Joy Road and proceeds northward on General Drive for approximately 3,000 feet to the south right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road. The project also proceeds west from General Drive along General Court for approximately 700 feet to terminus.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along General Drive and General Court consists of Lots 1 through 28 of the Gould Industrial Park located in the southeast ¼ of Section 35, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Assessment method for the district shall be by the area of each parcel as a proportion to the total area of the district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the estimate of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of cost of such project is currently in the amount of $1,889,621, which may be updated at the public hearing based on actual construction bids obtained for the proposed work, and further determinations of project costs.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth
9955 North Haggerty Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 354-3224

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Canton - Inkster

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting set for Wednesday

The official Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration in Canton Township is set to take place from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Summit on the Park.

Santa Claus and his reindeer have scheduled a special stop in the township where there will be holiday carols accompanying his arrival just before the official countdown to the lighting of the tree. The tree lighting will take place outside the Summit Banquet Center entrance where additional outside activities include up-close and personal visits with real live reindeer, as well as ice sculpting demonstrations. Area residents are encouraged to dress warmly and bring the family to the event.

Indoor activities for children include seasonal craft areas that feature a make and take activity. In addition, children can share their holiday wish list and take a special photo with Santa Claus. Children of all ages can also meet the man who tried to steal Christmas and have their picture taken with the Grinch, who will also be making a special appearance at a photo station furnished by IKEA. Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras to capture the moment. Light refreshments will also be provided inside by Busch's Fresh Food Market. Additional indoor activities include 'Holidays Around the World,' where children can learn about special traditions and festivities celebrated in a variety of different countries. Dancin' Feet will also be onsite performing festive dance numbers to get everyone into the holiday spirit.

> *The Kiwanis Club of Canton will be selling a variety of cut live holiday trees as a fundraiser.*

This year, the annual event is sponsored, in part, by: Advanced Orthodontics; Central City Dance; Community Financial; Glen Abbey Assisted Living and Memory Care; Lombardo Homes; Primrose School of Canton and The Goddard School for Early Childhood Development.

In the spirit of the season, the Canton Goodfellows will be onsite offering holiday games for a small donation that will benefit the "No Child without a Christmas" campaign that is currently under way.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys are also being accepted through Dec. 6, in the Summit on the Park lobby that will help brighten the holidays for area children in need.

The Kiwanis Club of Canton will be selling a variety of cut live holiday trees as a fundraiser. Choose from Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, and Concolor Fir to find that perfect holiday tree. Proceeds from each sale will benefit area youth activities. For additional information about the Kiwanis Club of Canton tree sale, visit www.facebook.com/CantonMIkiwanis.

For more information about this free event, or other upcoming holiday events at the Summit on the Park, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460. The Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

28-year police veteran retires from force

After a 28-year career with the Canton Public Safety Department, Police Lt. Patrick Sullivan has retired.

Sullivan began his law enforcement career with the department in 1991 as a patrolman. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2007 and lieutenant in 2013. While working as a road patrol officer, Sullivan held several special assignments including Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, Range Instructor and Narcotics Investigator. He was also active member of the department Accident Investigation Team for 18 years, serving the last 10 years as team leader.

While a sergeant, Sullivan supervised officers on his patrol shift; he also worked an assignment as the Special Services Sergeant and the CALEA Accreditation Manager. In his most recent role as patrol lieutenant he was a shift commander responsible for the operations, training, and development of his respective road patrol shift consisting of two sergeants, 14 patrol officers and four Public Safety Service Officers.

Sullivan has been recognized on numerous occasions by citizens and organizations for his thorough and detailed investigations. Most notably, Sullivan's work on the Accident Investigation Team has brought peace and closure to many individuals and families who have been victims of traumatic vehicle crashes, according to an official statement from the department.

"Throughout his career, Sullivan has been a leader who has strived to make the department and its officers the best they can be. He has been a professional law enforcement officer who has demonstrated passion and enjoyment with every position and assignment he has held in the department," the official statement concluded.

"Lt. Pat Sullivan has brought a unique combination of knowledge, strength, commitment and humor to the police department," said Public Safety Director Joshua Meier. "Pat's dedication to the organization and the residents he has so proudly served will be notably missed," Meier added.

Pat Sullivan

Former area priest is sentenced on assault charges

A former priest who served in both Canton Township and Westland will serve 45 days in jail and 12-months probation along with sex offender treatment.

Patrick Casey, 56, now of Bellaire, was originally charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct in May following allegations of improper sexual contact with a young man who approached him for counseling. During his trial, Casey accepted a plea deal and entered a guilty plea to misdemeanor aggravated assault on Oct. 2.

He was sentenced in Third Circuit Court by Judge Wanda Evans.

Casey formerly served as a priest at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic parish in Canton and at the former St. Theodore of Canterbury parish in Westland. Casey, already defrocked by the Archdiocese, apologized to his fellow priests, parishioners and others during his sentencing last week. He also offered his apologies to the complainant in the case, "for not serving him as I ought to have. I am truly sorry," Casey said.

> *Casey admitted to the sexual acts during an investigation by Archdiocese officials.*

Following his sentencing, he was immediately remanded to the Wayne County Jail to begin his 45-day sentence.

The man who complained about Casey alleged the two had a sexual encounter on Jan. 17, 2013. He told the court at the sentencing hearing that he never wanted Casey to serve as a priest again.

"I needed help. I needed a shepherd. He could have called the police when I mentioned my suicide attempt. He could have taken me to the hospital himself. That's what I needed."

In a sworn statement, the man testified that when he was in his 20s and gay, he met Casey and sought the rite of confession. He said that the priest met with him in his office at the former St. Theodore of Canterbury Church in Westland and they engaged in sexual acts, including oral sex.

Casey admitted to the sexual acts during an investigation by Archdiocese officials who recommended his dismissal from the clerical state. He was defrocked Aug. 1, 2018 while the Vatican continues to review his case, according to Michigan State Attorney General Dana Nessel who brought the charges against him.

Comcast promises $10 million investment in new area stores

Canton Township, Inkster and Westland are among the $10 million investment Comcast Corp. plans to invest to open 10 new Xfinity stores in southeast and mid-Michigan.

The Philadelphia-based telecommunications giant plans to open the stores by mid-2020 in Brighton, Canton Township, Fort Gratiot, Inkster, Lansing, Roseville, Southfield, Taylor, Westland and Pittsfield Township, according to a news release.

The stores will sell the Xfinity portfolio of products, including internet, video, connected home solutions and the Xfinity Mobile wireless service. They will be outfitted with hands-on displays and seating to create a "warm, welcoming environment" for customers, according to a prepared statement.

The new locations are part of the $5.7 million statewide investment in opening and renovating stores, according to Comcast. The company claims to have made $1 million in upgrades at midtown Detroit buildings and to have spent $1.7 million to open new stores in Grandville and Muskegon.

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6. Legal Notices

This is a notice that Billy A Spears died on Sept. 15, 2018. Any creditors that he may owe should contact Patsy D. Spears at (734) 368-2791.

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Wayne - Westland

Westland Shop & Dine campaign is under way

There will be $10,000 in shopping sprees, multiple other prizes, bargain prices in stores and unusual and timely gifts during the annual City of Westland Shop & Dine campaign currently under way.

Westland officially began the 10th Annual Shop & Dine campaign last week and the special multi-faceted holiday event will continue for six weeks as an effort to promote the premier shopping district at the "Everything You Want. Everything You Need" area for holiday shopping. There have been multiple radio ads and billboards on major freeways promoting the campaign to bring holiday shoppers to the community.

The Shop & Dine district is anchored by Westland Shopping Center and is surrounded by more than 160 shops, restaurants and services making it the premier shopping and dining destination in Wayne County, noted Mayor William R. Wild.

The city has also launched a large digital and social media presence to let shoppers know that the campaign is now under way. Included in the Shop & Dine promotion is Small Business Saturday, which takes place this Saturday, Nov. 30 and is the counterpart to "Black Friday." Television and radio ads encourage shoppers to patronize brick and mortar businesses that are small and local. Statistics show that for every $100 that is spent locally, $49 stays within the community. That means that your shopping dollars are helping small business owners pay local taxes which build parks, libraries and improve police and fire services, promoters said.

As part of the Shop and Dine Campaign, the city will once again be raffling off free shopping sprees at the Westland Shopping Center.

This year, the event will be bigger and better than ever as the city has partnered with the popular WNIC Jay Towers in the Morning Show to give away two $5,000 shopping sprees, Jay Towers will be on site giving away additional prizes and doing a live broadcast from the event. Everyone present at Westland Shopping Center from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Dec. 14 will have a chance to win one of the grand prizes and there will be additional prizes given away.

"The City of Westland is proud to show its support and do our part to promote the Shop & Dine District," commented Wild. "Westland is a prime location to spend your time holiday shopping. With its convenient location, easy access and less traffic headaches than other regional shopping destinations, Westland's Shop & Dine District has Everything You Want and Everything You Need."

Wayne celebrates Small Business Saturday this week

Saturday will be a big day for small business in downtown Wayne.

Officials from Wayne Main Street and the Wayne Downtown Development Authority are reminding shoppers that Saturday is Small Business Saturday in downtown Wayne, which will take place Nov. 30.

The day will begin with a kick-off event at Karma Coffee & Kitchen, 35634 W. Michigan Ave., from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Participants will be able to pick up a free Shop Small tote and other Small Business Saturday swag. Organizers will also be giving away $1,000 in gift cards from local businesses that attendees will have a chance to win. The event is free to attend, and the first 100 people will receive a free small coffee from Karma Coffee.

Many retailers in Wayne, agree that Small Business Saturday has a significant impact on their bottom line.

"There are a lot of local businesses in Wayne that have great gift ideas for yourself and your loved ones as we get closer to the holiday season. Shopping in downtown Wayne supports our local businesses and establishments," commented Juan Bradford, president of Wayne Main Street.

Following the kick-off event, participants can visit the participating stores in downtown Wayne. More information, including a link to register for the kick-off event, can be found at downtownwayne.org/smallbizsaturday.

The day will also feature a special visitor when Santa arrives. Wayne Main Street has partnered with the State Wayne Theater, 35310 W. Michigan Ave., to bring Saint Nick to the city.

Children 12 and younger will have a chance to visit with Santa and have a free photo taken from noon until 2 p.m. on Small Business Saturday.

The event is being sponsored by the Wayne DDA, Jack Demmer Ford, Phoenix Theatres, Village Dental, and Karma Coffee.

Started in 2010 by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Small Business Saturday is a nationwide shopping event aimed at supporting small businesses and traditional downtown retail districts such as downtown Wayne by encouraging people to shop local. Small Business Saturday complements some of the other shopping events that take place throughout the holiday season, including Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

'Deck the City Hall' planned for Monday in Westland

The City of Westland will officially celebrate the holiday season when officials Deck the City Hall next week.

This year the celebration is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9 when residents can gather in front of city hall to sing Christmas carols and officially welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to the "All American City."

Santa, Mrs. Claus and Mayor William R. Wild will light the city Christmas tree and decorations on the grounds and then invite the crowd inside for free cookies and hot cocoa as well as arts and crafts. There will also be interactive dance activities in order to promote the Westland Healthy City Initiative and children can write out their lists for Santa and put them in Santa's Mailbox where letters are delivered directly to the North Pole.

Children will also have a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. As part of the Westland Compassionate City Initiative, anyone who brings a $5 per child or $10 per family monetary donation for "Shop with a Hero" or an unwrapped toy for the Westland Goodfellows toy drive will receive a Fast Pass to see Santa and be able to skip the anticipated line.

There will be overflow parking available at the Westland Shopping Center and free shuttle buses will be provided.

Westland is also sponsoring a holiday poster contest for children. Westland residents or Wayne-Westland Community Schools students in grades K - 6 are asked to make a poster with the theme, "What an All American Winter Holiday Looks Like to Me."

Posters were to have been entered no later than yesterday and the contest entries will be displayed in the City Hall Art Gallery where attendees will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite. First prize for the contest is a guaranteed white holiday, with a truck of snow being delivered to the winner's home. Second and third place finishers will win free movie tickets and passes to Airtime Trampoline and Game Park.

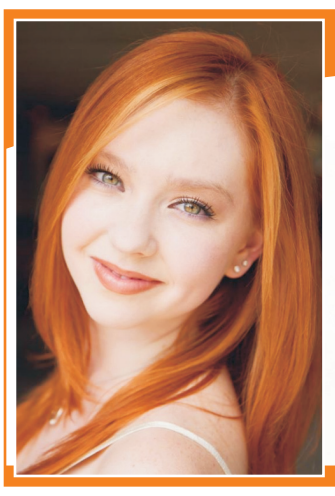
Wayne woman is facing charges

A Wayne woman has been charged with two felony counts in the fraudulent use of a credit card to make purchases at retail stores in Canton Township and Westland.

Canton police circulated a surveillance photo of the woman last week in an effort to identify her and witnesses responded, police said, leading to the arrest of Kristi Lynn Smith, 41, of Wayne.

Smith was arraigned in 35th District Court last week on one count of financial transaction device: stealing, retaining without consent, a four-year felony and identity theft, a six-year felony.

She was issued a personal bond at her arraignment.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Calendar of events

Santa arrives in Plymouth

Santa will arrive in downtown Plymouth during a special celebration in Kellogg Park from 6-8 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 29.

Santa will arrive in Kellogg Park by fire truck at approximately 6 p.m. and visits with Santa in his special holiday home will begin during the weekend.

Westland Taste Fest served

The Westland Holiday Taste Fest, set for 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, will offer tasty food, entertainment, an auction, raffles and more.

The event will take place at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland and proceeds will support the Westland Rotary Charities and Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Wayne County Community College District is presenting the annual social event this year, while other sponsors are also being sought. Call the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222 or visit the website, www.westlandchamber.com for more information.

A children's winter clothing drive is on tap as part of Taste Fest: Donors who bring new or gently used kids' gloves, hats or boots for children ages 3 and up will be entered in a special raffle. For that raffle, Zeal Credit Union has donated a $100 gift card.

Admission to the Taste Fest is $25 per person which includes food and entertainment. There will be a cash bar. Live entertainment on Dec. 3 will be by the Marsha Gayle Band. Emcees are Ralph and Kim Cabildo of RC DJ and Video.

Library hosts Holiday Sing-a-long

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host a Holiday Sing-Along from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Guests will sing outside and can visit with a live reindeer before enjoying hot cocoa, cookies, crafts and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus inside the library. Registration is required at (734) 326-6123, ext. 2844.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

Christmas celebrated in Plymouth

A dining and shopping experience is set in downtown Plymouth from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 when local merchants will offer holiday sales, horse and carriage tours will be available, live music and dance entertainment will fill the streets and live reindeer and elves will be on hand.

The Mistletoe Market will be open from noon until 9 p.m. and will carry on the tradition of the open-air Christmas markets throughout Europe. The event will feature specialty foods, handcrafted holiday gifts and fresh green s and weather. The market will take place in the Gathering across from Kellogg Park.

Romulus will light holiday tree

The official lighting of the Romulus Christmas tree will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt ST.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. and there will be vendors on site with hot cocoa, food and snacks. A Christmas carol sing-along is planned and photos with Santa will be available for 47 each or two for $12.

Guests are asked to bring nonperishable food donations for the Stuff the Bus campaign to help Romulus Helping Hand.

For more information, call the Romulus Recreation Department at (734) 941-8665.

Cookie Walk and Bazaar set

St. Mary Café in Wayne will host the annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Bazaar from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Featured again this year will be homemade cookies; candy; cakes; nut breads; scones by Mike; wood crafts; jewelry; hand painted wine bottles with lights; homemade soaps and lotions; paintings; recipe jars; cake pops; protein powder mixes; Wayne-Westland Junior Miss poinsettias; The Plant Lady-succulents; Robert's Popcorn/Nuts, and more,

Lunch and snacks will be available to purchase from St. Mary Bistro and Santa will be on hand to visit with children.

In addition, there will be an all cash raffle with a top prize of $1,000; a second prize of $750; a third prize of $500 and a 4th prize of $250. Raffle tickets will be on sale for $1 after all masses.

The drawing will take place at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 7. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

The café is located at 34530 W Michigan Ave, Wayne.

Winterfest Parade planned

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Parade will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 7 and step off at Belleville High School.

Following the parade, the Belleville Christmas tree-lighting ceremony will take place on the lawn of the lawn of the Belleville Areas Museum

The museum, which serves Sumpter and Van Buren townships along with the City of Belleville, is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville. For more information, call (734)697-1944.

Elks host Flying Crowbars

Blues @ The Elks takes place from 7 until 10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door and dancing is encouraged.

Erich Goebel and the Flying Crowbars will perform Dec. 10. Goebel leads with guitar and vocals, Dave Watson on drums, Joe LaBeau on sax and Chris Rumel on bass.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Garden Club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 8 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The speaker for the meeting will be Cheryl English who will discuss the Autumn Jewels. Light snacks will be served.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

Elks host Blues performance

Blues @ The Elks takes place from 7 until 10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door and dancing is encouraged.

The Kathleen Murray Band will perform Jan. 14. Joining Murray with vocals is Mike Ferencz on guitar, Craig Scott on bass, Bob Bowman on drums and Evan Mercer on keyboard.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com

Gardeners' meeting set

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 5 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The speaker for the meeting will be Sue Grubba who will discuss the Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing. Light snacks will be served. For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

Jazz performance planned

Jazz @ The Elks take place from 7 until 9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Pete Siers Organic Roots will perform Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Siers will be on drums, Duncan MacMillan on organ, Steve Wood on sax, and Matt LaRusso on guitar.

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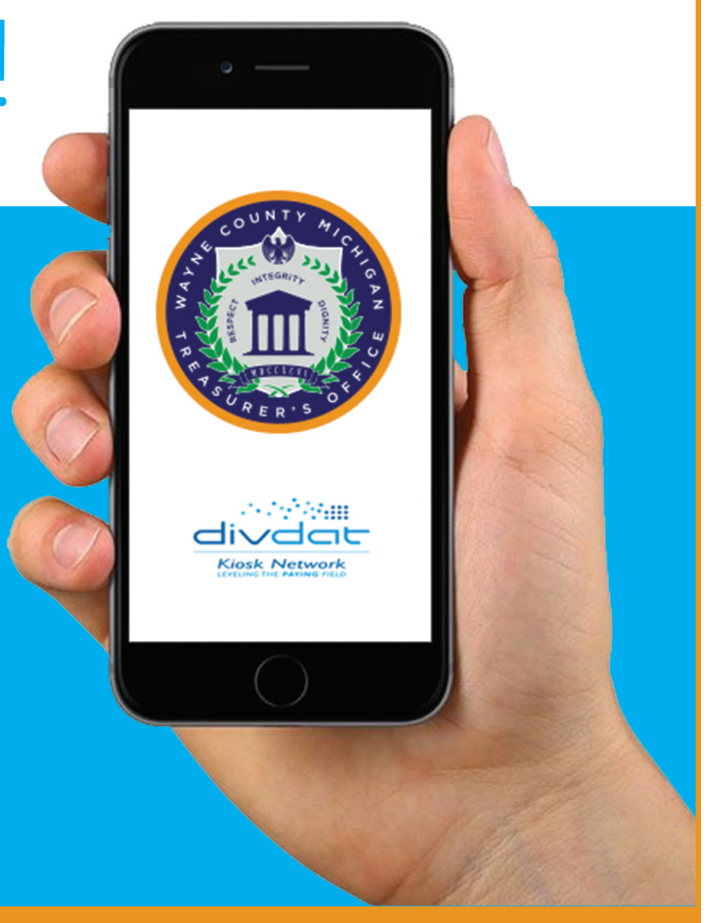

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